Transfer Orders issued from CGHS Headquarters

2801. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various transfer orders are issued by CGHS Headquarters and its Zonal Officers but cancelled or withdrawn later on;

(b) what is the number of transfer/ posting orders issues but not implemented in CGHS since 1st April, 1992 till date; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take so that no medical or para-medical staff is allowed to retain the same seat after completion of his normal tenure?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) All the transfer orders were implemented excepting 39 which were cancelled.

(c) Transfers are normally made on completion or 4 to 5 years of service in a particular seat, keeping in view the exigencies of the work.

Amendment to Pharmacy Council of India Act

2802. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to amend the Pharmacy Council of India Act; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have proposed vide their letter No. V-13012/1/ 93—PMS a new clause to be incorporated in the said Act to the effect that, "if sufficient candidates are not available for a particular year, candidates with 10th pass qualifications with 50 per cent marks may be admitted", whereas the minimum qualifications for admission to Pharmacy Diploma Course is fixed as pass in Pare-Degree with Physics, Chemistry and Biology Mathematics; and

(c) if so, whether it would not lower the standards of Pharmacy profession and what are the reasons for proposing such an amendment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Representations were made by Members of Parliament, State Governments and Pharmacy Institutions about the non-availability of sufficient students for admission to the D. Pharma course with 10+2 qualifications. Therefore to enable the seats to be filled, Pharmacy Council was advised to allow 10th pass students with 50 per cent marks to be admitted if sufficient candidates from 10+2 stream were not available.

Pharmacy Education Regulations 1991

2803. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pharmacy Education Regulations 1991 was published in the Government of India Gazette, Part III, Section No. 28, dated 11th July, 1992 according to which New Education Regulations would come into force with effect from the same date i.e. 11th July, 1992;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given a letter to Pharmacy Council of India to defer the implementation of Education Regulations 1991 for one year; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. This was done in July, 1993 after representations from the

various Pharmacy Institutions, State Governments and public persons, were received requesting postponement of the enforcement of the Education Regulations, 1991 primarily due to non-availability of candidates having the 10+2 qualification. Since then Pharmacy Council of India have been advised that if sufficient candidates are not available with the enhanced qualifications, 10th pass students having the prescribed percentage of marks may be given admission.

Life Expectancy

2804. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to know the average age prevailing in the country at present; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the average age in the country as well as in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The office of the Registrar General of India conducts a regular Sample Survey called the Sample Registration System.

(b) According to the Survey the average age of the population in 1990 was 25.2 for males and 25.7 for females. The life expectancy at birth is presently 58.6 years. A statement giving the comparative figures of life expectancy in different countries is enclosed.

Statement

Expectation of Life at Birth (By Sex)

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	Expectation of life at Birth*	
		Male	Female
1	2	3	4
	World Total	61.8	65.9
1.	Afghanistan	41.0 (1985—90)	42.0
2.	Argentina	65.5 (1980-81)	72.7
3.	Australia	73.3 (1989)	79.5
4.	Bangladesh	56.9 (1988)	55.9
5.	Brazil	62.3 (1980—90)	67.6
6.	Myanmar	58.7 (1978)	63.7
7.	Canada	73.2 (1985—87)	79.79
8.	Egypt	57.8 (1985—90)	60.3
9.	France	72.3 (1988)	80.5
10.	German (DR)	71.8 (1988)	78.4
11.	India	58.1 (1986—91)	59.1 (1986—91)
12.	Indonesia	58.5 (1985—90)	62.0
13.	Japan	75.9 (1989)	81.8
14.	Kenya	56.5 (1985—90)	60.5
15.	Libya	52.0 (1985—90)	54.0
16.	Malaysia	67.5 (1985—90)	71.6
17.	Mexico	62.1 (1979)	66.0
18.	Nepal	50.8 (1981)	48.1